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Mountain View Celebrates Centennial with Community-wide Events

The year 2002 will mark 100 years since Mountain View's incorporation and the City is planning four community-wide events to celebrate its Centennial Year. Everyone is invited to join in the fun of each special celebration and anyone who wishes is encouraged to dress in period costume for any or all events.

New Year's Eve Bells at City Hall Plaza: December 31, 2001



A New Year's Eve Kick Off at Civic Center Plaza on December 31, 2001 will feature activities from 7 to 9 p.m. including bell ringing, live music, traveling entertainers, story-telling, face painting, snacks and games. There will also be a count down to the New Year to mark the start of the Centennial Year. As part of the bell ringing celebration, the City will provide souvenir Centennial bells specially designed for the occasion. The event is free.

Kids, Kites and Cookies: March 10, 2002

Kids, parents and the young at heart will gather at Shoreline Park on March 10, 2002 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a day of kites and cookies. Learn how to make kites at a special workshop, discover the thrill of flying a kite in the kite area of Shoreline Park and feast on a variety of Centennial cookies. The event is free and all participants will receive a free Centennial kite.

A Centennial Ice Cream Social: June 30, 2002

Gather with friends and neighbors for an old fashioned Ice Cream Social on June 30, 2002 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in Cuesta Park. Entertainment features two stages of music and dance. The International Stage presents local singers, dancers and musicians illustrating Mountain View's cultural diversity. The Dancing Through the Decades Stage and Dance Floor presents a century of great music from 1900 to the present. Also featured are games, food booths sponsored by local nonprofit groups and ice cream. The event is free, except for food booths sponsored by local nonprofit groups.

Dedication of Centennial Plaza: November 7, 2002

The anniversary date of Mountain View's incorporation on November 7, 2002 will feature the dedication of Centennial Plaza at Castro Street and Evelyn Avenue. Festivities include musical performances by local school groups and musicians, a Centennial cake cutting, and recognition of early Mountain View settlers. The event is free.

Watch for special articles about the history of Mountain View in upcoming issues of *The View* and tune into City Channel 26 next spring for special 'Moments in History' videos celebrating Mountain View's past. If you have an idea about how to celebrate Mountain View's Centennial or would like to volunteer to be part of the planning effort, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301. **V**

Community Tree Lighting Celebration

Sunday, December 2
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Civic Center Plaza
(more details on page 7)



Mountain View Community Responds to September 11 Tragedies

The City of Mountain View and members of the local community responded to the September 11 tragedies in New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania by joining together in events and by making individual contributions to the recovery efforts. In addition, the City made plans for the future that will help ensure the community's safety and aid in the healing process.

Shortly following the events of September 11, the City began collecting expressions of sympathy, hope and healing written by local residents. These notes will be bound into a Community Remembrance Book and will eventually be donated to a national memorial site. More than 300 individual messages were collected.

At the same time, the City placed a 40 by 60 ft. 48-star antique U.S. flag on display in the City Hall Rotunda. The flag remained in City Hall for a period of 30 days, in memory of those killed that day and as a sign of unity with the nation.

Along with other cities in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, Mountain View sent personnel to help in the rescue effort in New York City. Fire Fighter Chris DeLaOssa served as a member of Task Force III, a

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Housing Element Update

On October 17, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) adopted recommendations for updating the City's Housing Element, the part of the City's General Plan devoted to meeting Mountain View's future housing needs. The recommendations are the result of a review process that began last January. Since that time, the EPC has held nearly a dozen study sessions, working sessions and public hearings to gather public input and discuss local housing issues.

The EPC review of the Housing Element included consideration of housing programs such as landlord/tenant mediation, programs for maintaining and improving the quality of existing housing, and issues related to finding locations for new housing within the City.

The EPC recommendations include identification of ten potential rezoning sites for new housing in the City, as well as potential policy changes

in existing housing assistance programs. The recommendations are part of a draft Housing Element that was reviewed by the City Council in November and is expected to be approved sometime in December.

Following the Council's approval of the draft Housing Element, the document is slated for review by the State's Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). Once it is certified by the State, it will be returned to the City Council for final approval.

The full text of the draft Housing Element is available on the City's website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov.

For more information about the City's Housing Element, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



City Moves Forward on Studio Efficiency Housing Project

The City moved forward with plans for a studio efficiency housing project at the intersection of California Street and San Antonio Road with the selection of architects to design the project and environmental consultants to prepare the environmental analysis.

The project will provide units between 250 and 325 sq. ft. in size for low-income residents who earn approximately 25 to 45 percent of the County's median income. The housing will be built on a 1.69-acre parcel of City-owned land called the San Antonio Loop.

KodamaDiseno, an architectural firm with extensive experience designing quality affordable housing, has been selected to design the 110 to 130-unit project. On September 24, the architects met with community members at a public workshop to gather input in order to begin developing design concepts for the project. Another public workshop to discuss the preliminary architectural elevations, site plan, floor plans and landscaping is slated for January 2002.

Environmental Science Associates has been selected to conduct the environmental analysis of the

project. The analysis will consider potential environmental impacts such as traffic, air quality, noise and zoning.

The architectural and site design for the project, along with the environmental analysis, will be reviewed at public hearings with the Zoning Administrator and the City Council as part of the process of issuing a Planned Community Permit for the project. Council consideration of the Permit is tentatively expected sometime in March or April 2002.

Construction of the project is scheduled to begin in December 2002, assuming the project is successful in obtaining Federal tax credit financing. Once construction is underway, a process will be established for selecting tenants for the project. Persons who have lived in Mountain View for at least six months or have worked in the City for at least one year will be given preference in renting units.

For more information, or to be notified of upcoming meetings regarding the project, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.

Sept 11 Tragedies, *Continued from page 1*

FEMA-sponsored search and rescue team made up of specialists from the local area. In addition, the Mountain View Firefighters Association and Police Officers Association unions established funds to collect money for the families of New York public safety officers killed during rescue operations. To date, the funds have collected more than \$67,000.

Since September 11, Mountain View has also taken steps to strengthen and enhance the City's emergency preparedness plans. Mountain View's Office of Emergency Preparedness in the Fire Department has not only re-examined existing plans, but has developed additional emergency training that can serve the community in any disaster. (See page 3 for details.)

Finally, Mountain View began making plans to aid in the healing process. The City's Human Relations Commission has been working with local groups and community members to create a community-wide event promoting understanding and dialogue between and among Mountain View's diverse population.

For more information on the community's response to September 11 events and to find out more about the community event to be sponsored by the Human Relations Commission, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

Emergency Preparedness Is An Ongoing Effort

The Office of Emergency Services reminds everyone that being prepared for emergencies, no matter what the cause, is essential. You can help by becoming part of one of the City's Community Emergency Response Teams, which have been organized to help residents and neighborhoods respond to emergencies and disasters.

Recent events in our country have focused attention on the need for emergency preparedness both nationally and locally. The City of Mountain View's Office of Emergency Services (OES) in the Fire Department coordinates Mountain View's long-standing readiness efforts by focusing on maintaining the security of critical City facilities and infrastructure, and by providing information and education to the public about what to do before, during and after an emergency.



In response to recent events, the OES has taken several steps to ensure that the City is prepared for a wide range of emergencies. The City has formed a special response task force to coordinate preparedness efforts City-wide. Fire and Police personnel are scheduled to receive expanded training, and additional training is planned for all City employees and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members.

The City continues to provide the public with important preparedness information through presentations to neighborhood associations, schools, churches, and businesses. The City's web site is also being updated to include more information about emergency preparedness and response.

For more information about emergency preparedness or about CERT training, call the Office of Emergency Preparedness at (650) 903-6825. To access the City's web page for additional preparedness information, go to www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov. 

As part of Mountain View's ongoing preparations, the City maintains an all-hazard emergency plan that provides guidelines for responding to potential natural and man-made disasters. Mountain View's emergency plan is part of a larger, intergovernmental plan that can be activated at any time. As part of the plan, the City works with Federal, State and other local jurisdictions to help ensure that cooperation and coordination will occur during an emergency. Also, the City conducts at least one emergency exercise to test the emergency plan each year.

Miramonte Water Main Project Underway

This fall, the City began construction on a project to replace an aging water main that runs from the Miramonte Pump Station on Miramonte Avenue to Central Expressway. The project will replace the old 16-inch pipe with a new 24-inch pipe that will improve the flow of water from the Miramonte Reservoir into the City system. The new pipe will also create more flexibility within the water system, making it easier to move water to where it's most needed.

The project is approximately two miles in length and is expected to take about one year to complete. Work will occur primarily on Miramonte Avenue and Shoreline Boulevard, from Villa Street to Yards Court. A limited amount of work will also take place on Villa Street near downtown and other side streets throughout the length of the project.

Because the project is expected to affect traffic and noise in the construction area, the City is taking these steps to minimize the impacts.

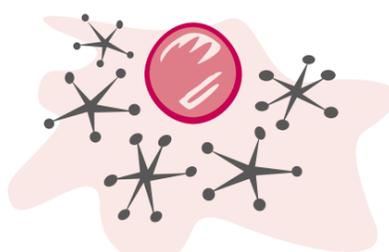
- The work will be done in phases, beginning at the north end near the CalTrain tracks and moving south.
- Work at major intersections will occur at night and/or on weekends to avoid heavy traffic.
- The contractor is required to deliver a written notice to each property owner affected by construction before work begins.
- Lane closures will be required on Miramonte Avenue and Shoreline Boulevard. At least one lane of traffic will remain open in each direction, except for a short section of Miramonte Avenue (south of El Camino Real), which will be closed for some weekend work. Work hours will be controlled to avoid lane closures when traffic volumes are high.
- Work hour restrictions may be utilized to help minimize noise impacts to residential neighborhoods near the construction.
- Efforts will be made to avoid construction adjacent to schools while they are in session.
- The contractor will be required to work closely with any businesses impacted by the construction to ensure access by customers.
- Mitigation measures are being developed to ensure that the construction near the Mountain View Police/Fire Administration building will have a minimal effect on Department operations.

For more detailed information on the locations and hours of lane closures and other traffic control and work hour restrictions, contact the City's Miramonte Project Liaison, Kip Anderson, at (650) 903-6439. 

Toys for Tots

Mountain View City Hall will be a collection site for the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Foundation starting November 26 through December 17.

Donate a new, unwrapped toy in the collection barrel located in the Central Reception area on the first floor of City Hall. 



The View's Ask City Hall column presents some of the questions most frequently asked at the City's Central Reception Desk. If you have a questions regarding City services, programs or about the City in general, contact the City by:

- **Telephone:** (650) 903-6300
- **Fax:** (650) 903-6039
- **E-mail:** city.clerk@ci.mtnview.ca.us
- **Internet:** www.ci.mntview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov
- **Post:** P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

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Question: Will the City collect and recycle my holiday tree so that it doesn't waste landfill space?



Answer: Yes, the City collects and recycles holiday trees. More information about holiday tree recycling is available in *The Resource*, the City's quarterly recycling, reuse and waste prevention newsletter, included in this issue of *The View*.

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Question: I'd like to start some remodeling work on my house. Which City department issues residential building permits?

Answer: The Building Inspection Division of the City's Community Development Department issues residential building permits. Residential building permit information is available by contacting the Building Inspection Division at (650) 903-6313 or at the Development Services Center counter located on the first floor of City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

You can also obtain permits online by using the City's new E-Permits System at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us. The new system enables anyone to apply for basic building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits online, 24 hours a day. The system also allows web visitors to schedule inspections, pay permit fees with a credit card and sign the permit application online.

In addition, E-Permits offers a membership feature that allows users to view issued permits, check the status of permits and receive e-mail updates on new codes, policies and building inspection service enhancements.

Weathering Winter Storms



The City recommends that you take the following precautions in the event of heavy storms and flooding during the winter rainy season:

Obtain necessary sandbags. The City will make sand and sandbags available at no charge to any Mountain View resident beginning with the first storm of the season at the Municipal Operations Center, 231 North Whisman Road. Residents should bring a shovel with them to fill the sandbags.

Report flooding or standing water. Contact the Public Services Division, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at (650) 903-6329. After hours and on weekends, call the Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

Report downed trees or limbs. Contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at (650) 903-6273. After hours and on weekends, call the Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

Do not touch downed power lines. Assume all downed power lines are dangerous and call both 911 and PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 immediately. Also, tune to your local radio station for power outage updates.

For answers to your questions regarding weather precautions and damage, call the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

City Wins Award for Excellence in Purchasing

The Purchasing Section of the Mountain View Finance and Administrative Services Department has received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for the second year in a row. Only 63 agencies received the Award nationally, and only 39 agencies have received the award on more than one occasion.

The Award is presented by the National Purchasing Institute, the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers and the National Association of Purchasing Management. It recognizes outstanding performance in procurement and the use of professional purchasing methods.

Apply Now To Join A Youth Advisory Group

You can become a member of one of Mountain View's Youth Advisory Groups by applying now. To be eligible, applicants must be Mountain View students in 7th through 12th grade. The application deadline is Friday, December 7, 2001.

Learn leadership and organizational skills while working with local government and community officials on issues related to youth. Group members help create and improve City programs, services and facilities for teens. Past projects include Rengstorff Skate Park, Escuela Teen Center, teen music and dance events and affordable driver's education classes.

For more information and an application, contact Recreation Supervisor Joanne Waszczak at (650) 903-6618.

Volunteer News



Share the Vision...

Volunteer with the City of Mountain View

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. The Volunteer Services Program is committed to citizen participation by matching people with volunteer opportunities. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Deer Hollow Farm—School Year Docents—Docents teach school-age children about farm life, wilderness and American habitat and customs. For more information and to reserve your space for training, call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430.

Police Department—H.A.P.P. Team—The Police Department's Handicapped Area Parking Patrol (H.A.P.P.) Team needs volunteers. Help educate the public about handicapped parking regulations and help enforce the regulations. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. A training course is provided. Team members work in pairs. For more information, call Community Service Officer Jim Bennett at (650) 903-6357.

Library Services—SOS Program—Volunteers are needed to select and deliver books to homebound library patrons. Days and hours are flexible. Volunteers must have a driver's license and proof of car insurance. For more information, call Candy Bowers at (650) 903-6335.

Community Outreach Program—Volunteers who are bilingual in English and Russian or Spanish are needed to assist staff with distributing information about City services to our community at various fairs and events. Flexible days and hours. Training is provided. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

These are just a few ways that you can get involved. If you have an idea or special skill or talent to offer, call the Volunteer Program.

Contact Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607.

Center for the Performing Arts—Art Docents are needed to host the public art work on display in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call Roberta Varney at (650) 903-6568.

Shoreline—Gatehouse and Patrol Rangers—Volunteer Rangers are needed to greet visitors and provide visitor information at Shoreline at Mountain View regional park. All volunteers are provided with training and a uniform. Volunteers must be 21 or older and be willing to work at least three hours each week. For more information, call Ginny Kaminski at (650) 903-6073.

Shoreline—Garden and Rengstorff House—Volunteer docents are needed at Rengstorff House to provide information on Mountain View's oldest house and help visitors experience life in the 1860s. House docents will be trained to lead tours, greet guests and provide general information. Garden docents will help with the flower gardens surrounding the House. For more information, call Ginny Kaminski at (650) 903-6073.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Spring Downtown Parade—Volunteers are needed to help with the 24th Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 27. Help with set-up, decorations, face painting, and game booths or work as a block monitor. For more information, call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

Q U E S T I O N S ? S U G G E S T I O N S ? C O N C E R N S ? K U D O S ?

MOUNTAIN VIEW CITYGRAM

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you'd like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager's Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department. Thank you for your comments. Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager's Office, Post Office Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime phone (____) _____

I would like a reply: by telephone by mail no reply necessary

For City Staff use:



What's New At the Library?

The Mountain View Public Library is currently adding materials in popular new formats. Patrons can now check out books on compact discs with titles similar to those found in the audio cassette collection.

The Library is also adding a new collection of DVDs with both adult and children's titles. The DVD collection is funded by the Friends of the Mountain View Library and the Library Foundation.

In addition, Library patrons who use the Bookmobile can now check out videos. All media format materials can be checked out for two weeks.

The Mountain View Public Library is located at 585 Franklin Street and offers a vast collection of books, periodicals, newspapers, audio and video cassettes, children's books, computer data bases and internet access.

For more information about the Library and the materials and services it offers, call (650) 903-6335.



MV Teens Discuss Risk-Taking at Mayor's Youth Conference

A group of 175 teen delegates from local middle and high schools gathered on October 2 for Mountain View's Sixth Annual Mayor's Youth Conference. The purpose of the Conference is to create a forum for the exchange of ideas between young people and community leaders.

The topic for this year's conference was Healthy Risk-Taking. The morning program included keynote speaker Dr. Lynn Ponton, followed by small group discussions that included students, the Mayor, City staff and youth workers. The afternoon featured reports from the small group sessions. Several City, County, school and community leaders were present to hear the students' recommendations for youth programs and services.

The Conference recommendations will also be used by Mountain View's Youth Advisory Groups to develop their 2001-2002 Action Plans. The Action Plans are used to create and improve City programs, services and facilities for teens.

For more information about the Mayor's Youth Conference, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

City Continues Efforts to Reduce Energy Use

After successfully reducing energy use in major City facilities by 32 percent as part of a summer-time energy conservation campaign, the City is now focusing on ways to continue reducing energy use during the winter months. As with the summer reductions, the City plans to reduce energy consumption this winter without decreasing essential programs or services to residents.

As cooler weather approaches, the City plans the following energy saving strategies:

- lowering temperature levels in City facilities

- continuing to turn off/reduce lighting levels as appropriate in City facilities
- shutting off non-essential equipment
- turning off computers and other equipment each night and during the working day when not in use for extended periods of time
- opening shades and blinds during daylight hours to utilize more natural lighting

For more information on saving energy at home or at work, visit the City's website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov.

Plant a Tree for Arbor Day

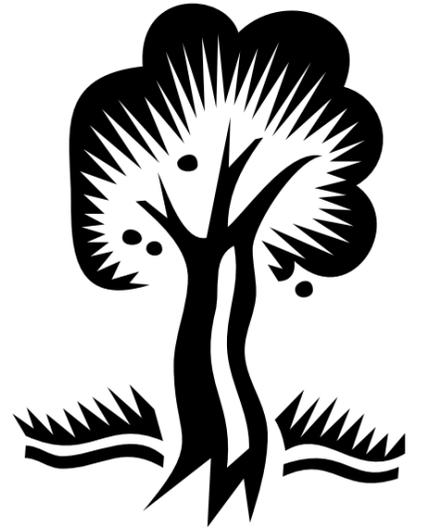
The City of Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on **March 16, 2002** with a variety of events, including tree planting. The City plans to make approximately 100 new trees available to individual residents this year for planting on their property. The planting event is part of a reforestation effort that began in the early 1990s, when the City distributed more than 500 new trees for residents to plant throughout Mountain View.

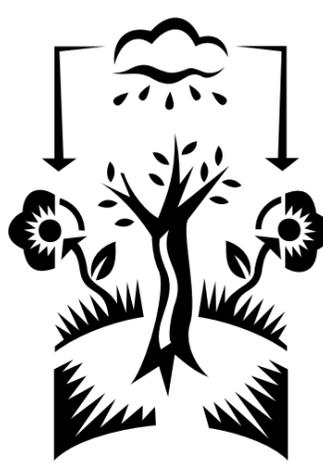
Residents who wish to participate in the tree planting must fill out and submit the request form included in this issue of *The View* by **January 18, 2002** and agree to plant and maintain the tree on their property. If the number of requests for trees exceeds the number of trees available, names will be drawn at random. The City will deliver the tree of choice to eligible residents on March 9, 2002.

Residents may choose from five varieties of trees.

- The **Red Maple** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, steady watering and will grow to 50 feet with leaves that range from yellow to red in the fall.
- The **Krauter Plum** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, grows to 20 feet and blooms with light pink flowers.
- The **Crepe Myrtle** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, little watering, grows to 30 feet and blooms with white to red flowers.
- The **Coast Live Oak** is an evergreen that requires full sun, little watering, grows to 50 feet and is a California native.
- The **Chinese Pistache** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, grows to 60 feet with leaves that turn red, yellow and orange in the fall.

For more information about Arbor Day activities, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.





APPLICATION FOR ARBOR DAY 2002 TREES

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

TREE PLANTING ADDRESS _____

TYPE OF TREE REQUESTED (SEE LIST ABOVE) _____

PLANTING LOCATION OF ARBOR DAY TREE (example: southwest corner of back yard, center of front lawn) _____

The undersigned agrees to: (1) accept the tree requested above, (2) plant the tree as indicated on application, (3) maintain the tree at own expense.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

COMPLETE REQUEST AND RETURN BY MAIL BEFORE 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2002

Mail to: City of Mountain View, Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Office Use Only. Date Received: _____

Mountain View Police Chief Retires

Mountain View Police Chief Michael R. Maehler ended his 38-year law enforcement career in October when he retired from the Mountain View Police Department. Maehler had served as the City's top law enforcement officer since August 1995.



Under Maehler's leadership, the Police Department has completed its transition to a community-oriented policing philosophy, which focuses on building partnerships

between Police Officers and community groups. During the past six years, Chief Maehler has also emphasized the importance of community outreach programs such as Neighborhood Watch, the Citizens' Police Academy, and the award-winning Dreams and Futures program for Mountain View youth. The close working relationship between the Police Department and the community is one of the factors that has helped contribute to one of the lowest crime rates in the City's history.

The City is currently completing its recruitment and selection of a new Police Chief. Maehler will continue to serve as the interim Chief until his successor has been announced sometime in early in December. **V**

In addition to community-oriented policing, Maehler has also been committed to maintaining a high level of professionalism in the Police Department, resulting in national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Mountain View is only one of five law enforcement agencies in the State of California to be accredited by the CALEA.

Historic Adobe Building Now Available for Public Use

Mountain View's newly renovated Adobe Building, located at 157 Moffett Boulevard, can now be rented by the public for events ranging from weddings to corporate meetings. The historic building has been completely renovated and celebrated its reopening on September 29, 2001.

The building is available for Mountain View nonprofit organizations and community groups to use at a discounted rental rate on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The general public and businesses may also rent the building for meetings and social events on Thursday through Sunday. Mountain View residents may make reservations up to one year in advance. The building features a front porch, great room, modern kitchen and outdoor garden.

For more information on renting the Adobe Building, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 or visit the Mountain View Community Center at 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. **V**

NASA/Moffett Update

NASA Ames Research Center is continuing the environmental review of its proposed development plan for Moffett Federal Airfield, which it started more than one year ago. Five possible development scenarios are being evaluated, ranging from maintaining the status quo to the development of 5 million square feet of research and development space, university housing, and light industrial and office space, as well as the renovation of existing space.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project is scheduled for public release in December 2001. When the DEIS is released, there will be a public review and comment period during which time it will be placed on the Mountain View City Council agenda for review and comment. Final approval of NASA's development plans is expected in late 2002.

For more information about NASA's development plans for Moffett, call NASA's Office of Development and Communications at (650) 604-9000 or visit NASA's website at: www.researchpark.arc.nasa.gov

Additional information is also available on the City's Moffett Hotline at (650) 903-6616 and the City's website at: www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountain-view.gov **V**

Flood Protection Information

This article discusses flood hazards within the City of Mountain View, and suggests possible actions that may be taken to protect persons and property.

Twelve percent of the city is located within special flood hazard areas. Flooding in these areas is caused by tidal flooding from the Bay and flooding from Permanente Creek. In the last five years, there was one incident of flooding from Permanente Creek in an undeveloped area located north of Amphitheatre Parkway. The levee overtopped by floodwaters was subsequently repaired. Although most properties located within special flood hazard areas were unaffected by recent storms, it is prudent to be prepared in the event of a more severe storm.

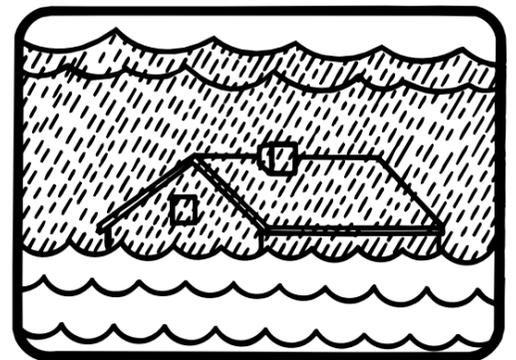
Flood Safety. There are several actions residents of flood hazard areas can take to decrease the potential of injury due to flooding.

- Do not walk through flowing waters.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Have your electricity turned off by the Power Company. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.

- Look before you step. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Flood Insurance. Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, the City of Mountain View is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it possible for property owners to obtain federally-backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building or its contents). Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss. The actual cost of insurance will vary depending upon the amount of coverage and degree of flood hazard. This insurance is required in certain instances, such as the purchase of a home with a federally-backed mortgage.

Property Protection Measures. There are various actions that can be taken to floodproof structures. Electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers should be elevated or relocated to a location less likely to be flooded. Basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed, and interior floodwalls can be placed around utilities. If flooding is likely, and time permits, move



essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. This action will help minimize the amount of damage caused by floodwaters.

Food Map Information. The City will provide the public, lending institutions, real estate agents and insurance agents with the flood map information indicated below upon request. You can call (650) 903-6311 during normal business hours or visit the Public Works Department at City Hall for the following information.

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site such as the Flood Insurance Rate Map zone, base flood elevation or depth.
- A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirements. **V**

Calendar of Events



December

- 1 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 2 **Community Tree Lighting Celebration**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street
- 5 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 6 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 8 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
Victorian Soiree at the Rengstorff House, 6:00-8:00 p.m., 3070 North Shoreline Boulevard
- 9 **Victorian Soiree at the Rengstorff House**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., 3070 North Shoreline Boulevard
- 10 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 11 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 12 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 15 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 19 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 24 **Christmas Holiday**. City offices closed.
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- 31 **New Year's Eve Centennial Celebration**, Civic Center Plaza, 7:00 p.m. to Midnight
Features bell ringing, live music, food.

January

- 1 **New Year's Holiday**, City offices closed.
- 2 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., CC (tentative)
- 3 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 8 **Downtown Committee**, 8:00 a.m., PRC
City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC (tentative)
- 9 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 12 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 15 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC (tentative)
- 16 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 18 **Deadline for Arbor Day Tree Applications**. See page 5 for details.
- 19 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 21 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**. City offices closed.

CC – Council Chambers, City Hall
PCR – Plaza Conference Room, City Hall
ACR – Atrium Conference Room, City Hall
All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

- 26 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 28 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 29 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 30 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

February

- 6 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 7 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 9 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 12 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 13 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 18 **Presidents' Day**. City offices closed.
- 20 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 23 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 25 **Performing Arts Advisory Committee**, 7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street
Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 26 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 27 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR



Community Tree Lighting Celebration

Celebrate the holiday season with your family, friends and

neighbors at the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony on **Sunday, December 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Festivities take place at the Civic Center Plaza, between City Hall and the Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street, in downtown Mountain View.

The event features live music, refreshments, and holiday lights. Children can also have their picture taken with Santa Claus.

The event is free and open to the public. In the spirit of the season, everyone is encouraged to bring a can of food for the Giving Tree, which benefits the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos.

For more information, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.

Children's Holiday Events at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

The holiday season is filled with dance, theater and musical events for children of all ages at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. For more information and tickets to these and other events, call (650) 903-6300 or visit www.mvcpa.com.

November 30 - December 2
Pacific Theatre Ballet presents
The Nutcracker

December 6 - 8
Los Altos High School Drama Department presents
Alice in Wonderland

December 11
Mountain View High School Music Department presents
Winter Concert 2001

December 14 & 15
Peninsula Youth Theatre Stories on Stage presents
The Last of the Dragons

December 16
Pocket Opera presents
A Mini Magic Flute for children of all ages

Rengstorff House Presents a Victorian Soiree



Join the fun of a traditional Victorian Soiree at the Rengstorff House on **Saturday, December 8** and **Sunday, December 9** from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Soiree is a benefit for the Rengstorff House, located in Shoreline Park. The House is Mountain View's oldest and has been restored and redecorated in its original 19th century style.

The traditional Soiree features holiday music, vintage readings, homemade food, host and hostesses in vintage costume, and a visit from Father Christmas. Tickets are available for a \$15 donation per person. Seating is limited.

A specially designed tree ornament is also available for purchase from Rengstorff House.

For tickets, send a check made out to Friends of R House and a self-addressed, stamped envelope indicating the desired date to:

Rengstorff House Christmas
3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard
Mountain View, California 94043

For more information, call (650) 968-3110 or (650) 903-6073.